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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fiftieth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 21 March to 8 April 1994. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 21 March 1994 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fiftieth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6, which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fiftieth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its forty-ninth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its fiftieth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 14 to 18 March 1994.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.

3. Organizational and other matters.

4. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments;

   (c) World Conference on Human Rights.

5. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. Consideration of reports submitted by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the Committee's rules of procedures, the member of the Committee who will be elected by a meeting of States parties to the Covenant to fill a vacancy in the Committee resulting from the death of Mr. Janós Fodor (Hungary) will make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously."

3. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its forty-ninth session to set up, in addition to the presessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the fiftieth session; and to consider any draft general comment that may be put before it.

4. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

In accordance with the Committee's decision at its fifteenth session, the summary records of the Third Committee pertaining to the discussion of the annual report, 1/ together with a note indicating the matters raised in the course of the discussions, along with the relevant General Assembly resolution and other documentation pertaining to the International Covenants on Human Rights, will be circulated to members of the Committee.

(b) Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments;

(c) World Conference on Human Rights.

The Committee will have before it the summary records of the Third Committee as well as the relevant General Assembly resolution relating to this item.

5. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fiftieth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties :

Slovenia	Initial report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/74/Add.1)
Latvia	Initial report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/81/Add.1)
Cyprus	Second periodic report due in 1984	(CCPR/C/32/Add.18)
Afghanistan	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.5)
Yemen	Second periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/82/Add.1)
Italy	Third periodic report due in 1990	(CCPR/C/64/Add.8)
Morocco	Third periodic report due in 1992	(CCPR/C/76/Add.3)
Tunisia	Fourth periodic report due in 1993	(CCPR/C/84/Add.1)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the forty-ninth session (5 November 1993) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	19
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	10
Somalia	23 April 1991	5
Haiti	5 May 1992	2
Zimbabwe	12 August 1992	3
Nepal	13 August 1992	3
Croatia	7 October 1992	1
Grenada	5 December 1992	2
Israel	2 January 1993	2
Albania	3 January 1993	2
Estonia	20 January 1993	2
Lithuania	19 February 1993	2
Angola	9 April 1993	1

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Brazil	23 April 1993	1
Benin	11 June 1993	1
Côte d'Ivoire	25 June 1993	1
Guatemala	4 August 1993	1
Seychelles	4 August 1993	1
Cambodia	25 August 1993	1
United States of America	7 September 1993	1
Paraguay	9 September 1993	1
Switzerland	17 September 1993	1

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	20
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	9
Gambia	21 June 1985	18
Suriname	2 August 1985	17
Lebanon	21 March 1986	17
Kenya	11 April 1986	16
Mali	11 April 1986	16
Jamaica	1 August 1986	14
Netherlands-Antilles	31 October 1986	8
Guyana	10 April 1987	14
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	12
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	9
Gabon 2/	20 April 1989	9
Congo	4 January 1990	8
Zambia	9 July 1990	7
Bolivia	13 July 1990	7
Togo	23 August 1990	7
Viet Nam	31 July 1991	5
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	31 October 1991	5
San Marino	17 January 1992	4
Sudan	17 June 1992	3
Argentina	7 November 1992	2
Philippines	22 January 1993	2

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1988	-
Lebanon 3/	21 March 1988	12
Cyprus	18 August 1989	-
Syrian Arab Republic 3/	18 August 1989	9
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	8
New Zealand	27 March 1990	8
Gambia 3/	21 June 1990	7
Mauritius	18 July 1990	7
Suriname 3/	2 August 1990	7
Denmark	1 November 1990	7
Barbados	11 April 1991	6
Kenya 3/	11 April 1991	6
Mali 3/	11 April 1991	6
Nicaragua	11 June 1991	5
Zaire	31 July 1991	5
Jamaica 3/	1 August 1991	5
Portugal	1 August 1991	5
Sri Lanka	10 September 1991	5
Netherlands	31 October 1991	5
Australia	12 November 1991	4
France	3 February 1992	4
India	31 March 1992	4
Panama	31 March 1992	4
Guyana 3/	10 April 1992	4
Rwanda	10 April 1992	4
Madagascar	31 July 1992	3
Central African Republic 3/	7 August 1992	3
Democratic People's Republic of Korea 3/	13 December 1992	2
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 3/	8 February 1993	2
Austria	9 April 1993	1
Peru	9 April 1993	1

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya 4/	4 February 1993	-
Lebanon 5/	21 March 1993	-
Uruguay	21 March 1993	1
Panama 4/	6 June 1993	1
Germany	3 August 1993	1
Madagascar 4/	3 August 1993	1
Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	3 August 1993	1
Belarus	4 November 1993	1
Ecuador	4 November 1993	1
Mauritius 4/	4 November 1993	1
Russian Federation	4 November 1993	1

States parties whose reports are due to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's forty-ninth session (5 November 1993) and the closing date of its fiftieth session (8 April 1994)

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Niger	31 March 1994

Fourth periodic reports

State party	Date due
Dominican Republic	3 April 1994

6. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the fiftieth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Jordan (Third periodic report)	CCPR/C/76/Add.1	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	22 March 1994 23 March 1994
Mexico (Third periodic report)	CCPR/C/76/Add.2	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	24 March 1994 25 March 1994
Costa Rica (Third periodic report)	CCPR/C/70/Add.4	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	28 March 1994 29 March 1994

Cameroon (Second periodic report)	CCPR/C/63/Add.1	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	30 March 1994 31 March 1994
El Salvador (Second periodic report)	CCPR/C/51/Add.8	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	4 April 1994 5 April 1994

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its fiftieth session.

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of a draft general comment on article 27 of the Covenant.

7. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and twenty-six communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 37 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views and 89 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered since its previous session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur with regard to new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3 of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth session, Supplement No. 40 (A/48/40).

2/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

3/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

4/ The State party's third periodic report has not yet been received.

5/ The State party's second and third periodic reports have not yet been received.